



Customers want instant gratification; Workers say it's pushing them to the brink

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NEW YORK (AP) — Six straight days of 12-hour driving. Single digit pay-checks. The complaints come from workers in vastly different industries: UPS delivery drivers and Hollywood actors and writers. But they point to an underlying factor driving a surge of labor unrest: The cost to workers whose jobs have changed drastically as companies scramble to meet customer expectations for speed and convenience in industries transformed by technology. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated those changes, pushing retailers to shift online and intensifying the streaming competition among entertainment companies.

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UPS teamsters and workers hold a rally, Friday, July 21, 2023, in Atlanta, as a national strike deadline nears.

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Now, from the picket lines, workers are trying to give consumers a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to produce a show that can be binged any time or get dog food delivered to their doorstep with a phone swipe.

That workers are overworked and underpaid is an enduring complaint across industries — from delivery drivers to Starbucks baristas and airline pilots — where surges in consumer demand have collided with persistent labor shortages. Workers are pushing back against forced overtime, punishing schedules or company reliance on lower-paid, part-time or contract forces.

At issue for Hollywood screenwriters and actors staging their first simultaneous strikes in 40 years is the way streaming has upended the economics of entertainment, slashing pay and forcing showrunners to produce content faster with smaller teams.

"This seems to happen to many places when the tech companies come in. Who are we crushing? It doesn't matter," said Danielle Sanchez-Witzel, a screenwriter and showrunner on the negotiating team for the Writers Guild of America, whose



Actor Jane Fonda speaks at a picket line outside Netflix studios on Friday, July 28, 2023, in Los Angeles.

members have been on strike since May. Earlier this month, the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists joined the writers' union on the picket line.

Actors and writers have long relied on residuals, or long-term payments, for reruns and other airings of films and television shows. But reruns aren't a thing on streaming services, where series and films simply land and stay with no easy way, such as box office returns or ratings, to determine their popularity.

Consequently, whatever residuals streaming companies do pay often

amount to a pittance, and screenwriters have been sharing tales of receiving single digit checks.

Adam Shapiro, an actor known for the Netflix hit "Never Have I Ever," said many actors were initially content to accept lower pay for the plethora of roles that streaming suddenly offered. But the need for a more sustainable compensation model gained urgency when it became clear streaming is not a sideshow, but rather the future of the business, he said.

"Over the past 10 years, we realized: 'Oh, that's now how Hollywood works. Ever-

rything is streaming,'" Shapiro said during a recent union event.

Shapiro, who has been acting for 25 years, said he agreed to a contract offering 20% of his normal rate for "Never Have I Ever" because it seemed like "a great opportunity, and it's going to be all over the world. And it was. It really was. Unfortunately, we're all starting to realize that if we keep doing this we're not going to be able to pay our bills."

Then there's the rising use of "mini rooms," in which a handful of writers are hired to work only during pre-production, sometimes for a

series that may take a year to be greenlit, or never get picked up at all.

Sanchez-Witzel, co-creator of the recently released Netflix series "Survival of the Thickest," said television shows traditionally hire robust writing teams for the duration of production. But Netflix refused to allow her to keep her team of five writers past pre-production, forcing round-the-clock rewrites with just one other writer.

"It's not sustainable and I'll never do that again," she said.

Sanchez-Witzel said she was struck by the similarities between her experience and those of UPS drivers, some of whom joined the WGA for protests as they threatened their own potentially crippling strike. UPS and the Teamsters last week reached a tentative contract staving off the strike.

Jeffrey Palmerino, a full-time UPS driver near Albany, New York, said forced overtime emerged as a top issue during the pandemic as drivers coped with a crush of orders on par with the holiday season. Drivers never knew what time they would get home or if they could count on two days off each week, while 14-hour days in trucks without air conditioning became the norm. □

Two tribal nations to open Minnesota's first legal recreational marijuana dispensaries



Marijuana plants grow at LifeLine Labs in Cottage Grove, Minn., June 17, 2015.

Associated Press

WHITE EARTH, Minn. (AP) — At least two tribal nations are expected to open Minnesota's first recreational

marijuana dispensaries in August as recreational marijuana becomes legal to possess and grow in the

state on Tuesday.

Following a council vote on Friday, the White Earth Nation in northwestern Minnesota legalized recreational cannabis and will begin selling it sometime in the first half of August, Minnesota Public Radio reported. Both tribal members and non-tribal adults 21 years and older would be able to purchase from the nation's dispensary.

Weeks earlier, NativeCare — a tribal-run medical marijuana provider — announced a recreational marijuana dispensary expected to open shortly on

Red Lake Nation once the new law takes effect, the Star Tribune reported. The nation is also in northwestern Minnesota.

The band could've started selling recreational marijuana at that time but decided to wait until Minnesota's new marijuana law legalizes possession statewide.

"Our intention is to be a good partner and ultimately fill the void for people who intend to use cannabis," Red Lake tribal secretary Sam Strong told the Star Tribune.

The state's Democratic-

controlled Legislature approved a massive marijuana legalization bill this year, which Democratic Gov. Tim Walz signed in May.

White Earth Nation and Red Lake Nation plan to take advantage of their sovereignty and allow sales right away. But the state projects most legal retail sales won't begin until early 2025, while it creates a licensing and regulatory system for the new industry.

Minnesota is the 23rd state to legalize recreational marijuana, more than a decade after Colorado and Washington did so. □

Biden has decided to keep Space Command in Colorado, rejecting move to Alabama, officials tell AP

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden has decided to keep U.S. Space Command headquarters in Colorado, overturning a last-ditch decision by the Trump administration to move it to Alabama and ending months of politically fueled debate, according to senior U.S. officials.

The officials said Biden was convinced by the head of Space Command, Gen. James Dickinson, who argued that moving his headquarters now would jeopardize military readiness. Dickinson's view, however, was in contrast to Air Force leadership, who studied the issue at length and determined that relocating to Huntsville, Alabama, was the right move.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the decision ahead of the announcement.

The president, they said, believes that keeping the command in Colorado Springs would avoid a disruption in readiness that the move would cause, particularly as the U.S. races to compete with China in space. And they said Biden



The flag of the U.S. Space Command is presented during a ceremony for the establishment of the command in the Rose Garden of the White House, Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

firmly believes that maintaining stability will help the military be better able to respond in space over the next decade. Those factors, they said, outweighed what the president believed would be any minor benefits of moving to Alabama. Biden's decision is sure to enrage Alabama lawmakers and fuel accusations that abortion politics played a role in the choice. The location debate has

become entangled in the ongoing battle between Alabama Republican Sen. Tommy Tuberville and the Defense Department over the move to provide travel for troops seeking reproductive health care. Tuberville opposed the policy is blocking hundreds of military promotions in protest. The U.S. officials said the abortion issue had no effect at all on Biden's decision.

And they said the president fully expected there would be different views on the matter within the Defense Department.

Formally created in August 2019, the command was temporarily based in Colorado, and Air Force and Space Force leaders initially recommended it stay there. In the final days of his presidency Donald Trump decided it should be based in Huntsville. The

change triggered a number of reviews. Proponents of keeping the command in Colorado have argued that moving it to Huntsville and creating a new headquarters would set back its progress at a time it needs to move quickly to be positioned to match China's military space rise. And Colorado Springs is also home to the Air Force Academy, which now graduates Space Force guardians, and more than 24 military space missions, including three Space Force bases. Officials also argued that any new headquarters in Alabama would not be completed until sometime after 2030, forcing a lengthy transition.

It is home to the Army's Space and Missile Defense Command.

According to officials, Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall, who ordered his own review of the matter, leaned toward Huntsville, while Dickinson was staunchly in favor of staying put. The officials said Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin presented both options to Biden.

The decision was good news for Colorado lawmakers. □

Native American tribes in Oklahoma will keep tobacco deals

By **SEAN MURPHY**

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Native American tribes in Oklahoma will get to keep their existing agreements on how they share money from tobacco sales with the state. The Oklahoma House voted on Monday to override Gov. Kevin Stitt's veto of a bill that extends agreements on selling tobacco for another year. In a bipartisan vote during a special session, the Republican-controlled House met the two-thirds vote needed to override. The Senate overrode the governor's veto last week.

As a result, any tribe with an existing agreement on

tobacco sales can opt to extend the terms of that agreement until Dec. 31, 2024. Leaders from several of the state's most powerful

tribes were in the gallery for Monday's vote.

The override is the latest development in an ongoing dispute between the



Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt speaks during inauguration ceremonies Jan. 9, 2023, in Oklahoma City.

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Republican governor and several Oklahoma-based tribes. Stitt, himself a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, has said he wants to adjust the compact language to make sure tribes don't expand where they sell tobacco as a result of a landmark 2020 U.S. Supreme Court decision that determined the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's historical reservation still existed.

Since that decision, lower courts have determined the reservations of several other Native American tribes, including the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole, are still intact. "I do not believe Oklahomans want eastern

Oklahoma to be turned into a reservation," Stitt said. "I will fight as long as I'm governor to make sure that we're one state with one set of rules."

The current tobacco compacts, which allow the state and tribes to evenly split the tax revenue on the sale of tobacco on tribal land, generate tens of millions of dollars each year in revenue for both the state and tribes.

Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat said last week he wants to give the governor more time to renegotiate the terms of the deal and has been openly critical of Stitt's disputes with the tribes. □

Crews are battling 'fire whirls' in California's Mojave Desert

MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE, Calif. (AP) — Crews battled "fire whirls" in California's Mojave National Preserve this weekend as a massive wildfire crossed into Nevada amid dangerously high temperatures and raging winds.

The York Fire was mapped at roughly 120 square miles (284 square kilometers) on Monday with no containment.

The blaze erupted Friday near the remote Caruthers Canyon area of the vast wildland preserve, crossed the state line into Nevada on Sunday and sent smoke further east into the Las Vegas Valley.

A smoky hazy blotted out the sun midday on the Las Vegas Strip, and obliterated views of mountains surrounding the city and suburbs. Because of low visibility, the Harry Reid International Airport in Las Vegas reported departure delays of 45 minutes or more, as well as slight delays for arrivals.

A fire whirl sometimes called a fire tornado is a "spinning column of fire" that forms when intense heat and turbulent winds combine, according to the National Park Service.

The vortexes which can be anywhere from a few



Flames rise from the York Fire on Ivanpah Rd. on Sunday, July 30, 2023, in the Mojave National Preserve, Calif.

feet tall to several hundred feet high, with varying rotational speeds were spotted Sunday on the north end of the York Fire.

"While these can be fascinating to observe they are a very dangerous natural phenomena that can occur during wildfires," the park service wrote.

The whirls require high temperatures to form. In Searchlight, Nevada an unincorporated area about 12 miles (19.31 kilometers) from the California border

where the fire burned Tuesday's high was 96 degrees Fahrenheit (35.5 Celsius), according to the National Weather Service.

Significant portions of the U.S. population have been subject to extreme heat in recent weeks. Worldwide, July has been so steamy thus far that scientists calculate it will be the hottest month ever recorded and likely the warmest to hit human civilization.

Wind-driven flames 20 feet (6 meters) high in some

spots charred tens of thousands of acres of blackbrush scrub, pinyon-juniper woodlands and the famous Joshua trees in the New York Mountains in San Bernardino County.

It could take the pinyon-juniper woodlands 200 to 300 years to become "a functional community again," while the blackbrush scrub and Joshua trees are unlikely to regrow after this catastrophic blaze, which erupted without human intervention.

"It will change the habitat possibly permanently," said Ilene Anderson, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity.

Even more, deer and big-horn sheep could become trapped by the flames, she said. If any manage to survive the blaze, their resources in the newly scorched landscape would be severely limited.

In 2020, the Dome Fire ripped through the preserve, ravaging one of the world's largest Joshua tree forests. Conservationists, including Anderson, are trying to revitalize the land by planting new trees since the species usually isn't able to make a comeback naturally after a wildfire.

The desert hasn't adapted to fires; such blazes are rare because there are few ignition points in the harsh terrain. Generally, most fires in the desert are caused by humans, Anderson said.

The cause of the York Fire remains under investigation, though authorities say it started on private land within the preserve. Other details were not available Monday.

To the southwest, the Bonny Fire burned about 3.6 square miles (9.3 square kilometers) in the rugged hills of Riverside County. □

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Two supermoons in August mean double the stargazing fun

By MARCIA DUNN
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

— The cosmos is offering up a double feature in August: a pair of supermoons culminating in a rare blue moon. Catch the first show Tuesday evening as the full moon rises in the southeast, appearing slightly brighter and bigger than normal. That's because it will be closer than usual, just 222,159 miles (357,530 kilometers) away, thus the supermoon label.

The moon will be even closer the night of Aug. 30 a scant 222,043 miles

(357,344 kilometers) distant. Because it's the second full moon in the same month, it will be what's called a blue moon.

"Warm summer nights are the ideal time to watch the full moon rise in the eastern sky within minutes of sunset. And it happens twice in August," said retired NASA astrophysicist Fred Espenak, dubbed Mr. Eclipse for his eclipse-chasing expertise. The last time two full supermoons graced the sky in the same month was in 2018. It won't happen again until 2037, according to Italian astronomer Gianluca Masi,

founder of the Virtual Telescope Project.

Masi will provide a live webcast of Tuesday evening's supermoon, as it rises over the Coliseum in Rome.

"My plans are to capture the beauty of this ... hopefully bringing the emotion of the show to our viewers," Masi said in an email.

"The supermoon offers us a great opportunity to look up and discover the sky," he added.

This year's first supermoon was in July. The fourth and last will be in September. The two in August will be closer than either of those.



A commercial airliner flies Northwest across Lake Michigan in front of the "Full Buck" supermoon, the first of four supermoons in 2023, July 3, 2023, in Chicago.

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Provided clear skies, binoculars or backyard telescopes can enhance the experience, Espenak said, revealing such features

as lunar maria the dark plains formed by ancient volcanic lava flows and rays emanating from lunar craters. □

EU leader warn against China's aggression in Asia

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

The leader of the European Union's executive commission cited Russia's invasion of Ukraine to warn against China's increasingly assertive actions in disputed Indo-Pacific waters and against Taiwan and said Monday that the EU would not tolerate aggression in either region.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke at a joint news conference with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. after holding talks in Manila that aimed to bolster trade, economic and security relations.

The leaders announced the 27-nation bloc would resume negotiations with the Philippines on a free trade agreement that stalled in 2017 under Marcos's predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte. Von der Leyen also stressed the need for security cooperation, saying Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine showed how authoritarian leaders "are willing to act on their threats."

"Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine shakes the foundation of the international order. It is in violation of the U.N. charter and the fundamental principles of international law, such as territorial integrity and sov-



Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., second from right, claps beside European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, second from left, after signing ceremonies at the Malacanang Presidential Palace in Manila, Philippines, Monday, July 31, 2023.

ereignty," she said.

"This is why Europe supports Ukraine's brave fight against the aggressor, because the illegal use of force cannot be tolerated, not in Ukraine, not in the Indo-Pacific," von der Leyen said. "Security in Europe and security in the Indo-Pacific is indivisible. Challenges to the rules-based order in our interconnected world affect all of us."

"This is why we are concerned about the rising tensions in the Indo-Pacific," she said, adding that the EU backs a free and open Indo-Pacific "be-

cause an Indo-Pacific free of the threats of coercion is key to all our stability to our peace, and to the prosperity of our people."

Without naming China, von der Leyen reaffirmed the EU's recognition of a decision by a U.N.-backed tribunal that invalidated China's territorial claims in virtually the entire South China Sea on historical grounds. China has rejected the arbitration decision as a sham and continues to defy it. Von der Leyen's visit to the Philippines is a sign of improving ties after a stormy period between the EU and

Duterte over human rights. It's the first such top-level visit in nearly six decades of Europe-Philippines relations. The EU leader later spoke more bluntly against China at a business forum in Manila, where she warned that Beijing's increasingly aggressive actions in Asia "could also have global repercussions." She criticized China's stance on the war in Ukraine, its increasingly aggressive actions in disputed Asian waters and its provocative moves against Taiwan.

"China's show of military force in the South and East

China seas and in the Taiwan Strait directly affects Philippines and other partners in the region," the EU leader said. "But it could also have global repercussions because any weakening of regional stability in Asia...affects global security, the free flow of trade and our own interests in the region."

Beijing has turned seven disputed reefs into missile-protected island bases in the last decade, further alarming Western governments and rival claimants, including the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan.

China's fleet of coast guard ships and swarms of militia boats have warned vessels from rival claimant states and the U.S. military and its allies not to stray into its claimed territories in the disputed waters, which straddle one of the world's busiest sea lanes and are believed to be sitting atop undersea deposits of oil and gas.

Von der Leyen urged Asian nations never to rely on a single supplier for energy and raw materials, citing how "Russia tried to blackmail us" by considerably cutting its natural gas supply to European countries after the EU imposed sanctions against Moscow over the invasion of Ukraine. □

4 separatist Bosnian Serb leaders are sanctioned by U.S. Treasury

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The U.S. on Monday imposed sanc-

tions on four ranking Bosnian Serb officials for undermining a 1995 peace

agreement that ended a war that left more than 100,000 dead and millions homeless.

The four officials sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury include Zeljka Cvijanovic, a Serb member of the tripartite collective Bosnian presidency, as well as the prime minister of the Serb entity in Bosnia, Radovan Viskovic. The four are alleged to have taken part in drafting a law that U.S. and other international officials say undermines the unity of Bosnia by ignoring the decisions of the country's constitutional court.

The Bosnian Serb parliament has passed the law

to not recognize or implement any decisions by Bosnia's multi-ethnic Constitutional Court.

"This action threatens the stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the hard-won peace underpinned by the Dayton Peace Agreement," said Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian E. Nelson. "This behavior further threatens the country's future trajectory and successful integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions."

The Bosnian War started in 1992, pitting mostly Muslim Bosniaks, Serbs, and Croats

against each other. It ended with the U.S.-sponsored Dayton accords that created two regions, the Republika Srpska and the Bosniak-Croat Federation.

The Bosnian Serb ruling party, SNSD, said that the latest U.S. sanctions were "shameful" and "hypocritical" and would not "stop us from doing our job."

The pro-Russian Bosnian Serb leader, Milorad Dodik, has openly been striving to separate Bosnian Serb territories from the rest of Bosnia and join them with neighboring Serbia.

Because of that, he was also sanctioned by the U.S., in 2017. □



Zeljka Cvijanovic, a Serb member of the tripartite collective Bosnian presidency attends the final campaign rally in the Bosnian town of Banja Luka, Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

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IS claims responsibility for the bombing that killed 54 in Pakistan

By **ANWARULLAH KHAN and RIAZ KHAN**

Associated Press

KHAR, Pakistan (AP) — An Afghan branch of Islamic State on Monday claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing in Pakistan that killed at least 54 people at a pro-Taliban party's election rally, in one of the region's worst attacks in recent years.

Islamic State in Khorasan Province made the claim in a statement posted on its Amaq website. It said the attacker detonated an explosive vest, and that the bombing in the northwestern town of Bajur was part of the group's continuing war against forms of democracy it deems to be against Islam.

Hours earlier, hundreds of mourners in Bajur carried caskets draped in colorful cloths to burial sites following the previous day's attack at the election rally for the Jamiat Ulema Islam party. Officials said Sunday's bombing killed 54 people, including at least five children, and wounded nearly 200.

The attack appeared to reflect divisions between Islamist groups, which have a strong presence in the district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province that borders Afghanistan. The



Relatives and mourners carry the casket of a victim, who was killed in Sunday's suicide bomber attack in the Bajur district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, Monday, July 31, 2023.

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Jamiat Ulema Islam party has ties to the Afghan and Pakistani Taliban.

At least 1,000 people were crowded into a tent near a market for the rally ahead of fall elections, according to police.

"People were chanting God is Great as the leaders arrived," said Khan Mohammad, a local resident who said he was standing outside the tent, "and that was when I heard the deafening sound of the bomb." Mohammad said he heard people crying for help, and

minutes later ambulances arrived and began taking the wounded away.

Police had suggested in their initial investigation that Islamic State in Khorasan Province was a suspect. The group is based in neighboring Afghanistan's Nangarhar province and is a rival of the Afghan Taliban and al-Qaida.

Pakistan security analyst Mahmood Shah also previously had said that break-away factions of the Pakistani Taliban could be possible suspects, though the

group distanced itself from the attack.

The Pakistani military spent years fighting the Pakistani Taliban, also known as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP, in Bajur before declaring the district clear of militants in 2016. But the Jamiat Ulema Islam party, headed by hard-line cleric and politician Fazlur Rehman, has remained a potent political force.

On Monday, police recorded statements from some of the wounded at a hospital in Khar, the district's prin-

cipal town.

Female relatives and children wailed and beat their chests at family homes Monday as the dead were taken for funerals, following local customs. Hundreds of men followed the caskets to mosques and open areas for special funeral prayers and then into the hills for burial.

As condolences continued to pour in from across the country, dozens of people who had lesser injuries were discharged from hospital, while the critically wounded were taken to the provincial capital of Peshawar by army helicopters. The death toll continued to rise as some critically wounded people died in hospital, physician Gul Naseeb said. Gul Akbar, the father of an 11-year-old boy who was wounded in the attack, told The Associated Press that his entire family was in a state of shock after hearing about the bombing Sunday. He said he first went to the scene of the attack, and later found his son Taslim Khan being treated in a hospital in Khar.

"What would I have done if he had also been martyred? Five children died in this barbaric attack, and we want to know what our children did wrong," he said. □

Discovery of a whale carcass in Hong Kong sparks anger

By **KANIS LEUNG**

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — The discovery of a whale carcass in Hong Kong waters Monday sparked an outpouring of grief on social media, with many comments blaming the mammal's death on sightseers. Many residents speculated that the dead mammal was the same whale that had been attracting groups of sightseers since it was first spotted in the city's waters in mid-July.

Compass Chan, scientific officer of Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong, didn't confirm whether it was the same

whale. But he said an initial check of the dead whale found a new wound on its

back, in addition to two old wounds.

"It's a pity," Chan said at



The carcass of a Bryde's whale is seen in the waters of Hong Kong, Monday, July 31, 2023.

Associated Press

a media briefing. "I think it's a good opportunity for everyone to think seriously about how we should get along with other species in nature."

The whale's cause of death would have to be confirmed by a necropsy, he said.

The carcass was found in the waters in Sai Kung, a district known for its hiking trails, beaches and islands. Many residents blamed the death on sightseers who have flocked to those waters since a whale was spotted there about two weeks ago. Some posted a Canto-pop song whose title translates as "Whale

Eater." The foundation had released a statement last week saying that crowds of people had been seen approaching the animal, which was believed to be a Bryde's whale of about seven meters (23 feet) long. The foundation said at the time that the whale had propeller wounds and that nearby human activity could cause it stress and have life-threatening consequences.

The government said Monday night that the necropsy might take several days and that its results could help shape future policy for how to deal with whales in Hong Kong waters. □

The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and its history

(Oranjestad)—The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins is one of the most visited places by tourists on the island, as it lies along the northern coast line near the mini pool and on the way to the Natural Bridge. Despite its seemingly plain appearance, this ruin represents one of the most important histories of the island: The Aruban Gold Rush.

Built in 1872 by English company Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd, the gold mill at Bushiribana was constructed in the area where most gold was found by locals. The story of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when a first exploration for gold on the island was commissioned by the Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some gold, it was enough to motivate a fur-

ther search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself.

It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young boy found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for \$70. Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started searching for more gold. About 25 pounds worth was found.

At the same time, the Aruban government took immediate actions, and informed Curacao that gold was found. At first, everyone could look for gold, as long as they sold it to the government. However, after some time, the government decided to implement stricter rules and banned local search parties.



Over the years, concession-holding had seen different companies from around the world, all of which used primitive methods to dig and carve out gold from the rocks. Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. was no different, but used a unique method that

involved grinding the rocks and letting the dust be blown away by the strong northeast wind, leaving clumps of gold behind. The next step was melting the gold and letting it attach to quicksilver in order to obtain pure gold. All these processes were done at the Bushiribana Gold Mill.

The gold mill itself had a short life-span: only 10 years in service, but its structure remained relatively solid till this day, and is now a historical remnant. □

Sources: Etnia Nativa & gold-mineranch.com.

Visit the island's hidden natural pools

(Oranjestad)—Amongst the countless beaches surrounding the island that are well-known and frequently visited, there are an additional two “hidden” natural pools that are situated in the northern coast of the island, two ideal stops in your tour itinerary.

Conchi (Natural Pool)

For many years, Conchi was the only natural pool that we had on the island. Located in the Arikok National Park, near Boca Keto and the Daimari Ranch, Conchi—also known “Cura di Turtuga (Turtle's Cove) or just Natural Pool—is reachable with any 4x4 vehicle or by foot if you're up for a long hike. However, since it is part of the National Park, you must first get permission from park management to enter. You would have to purchase a day pass, and receive a wristband as proof of payment. Once you've completed that, you are set!

If you decide to hike from the entrance of the Arikok



National Park, this is also possible: do bring plenty of protective clothing and enough water and food—it could take you up to three hours to hike there! However, when you eventually do get there, you will be greeted with crystal blue water surrounded by a natural rock formation that protects you from the wild waves on the other side. Though the pool is located on the northern side of the island (where the sea is largely rough and largely no suitable for swimming), the pool itself is very calm. It's also relatively deep, and you can climb up the rocks and jump in!

Cave Pool

This relatively new pool appeared just a few years ago, when a part of the dried up coral floor broke off and created a partition between the ocean and what is now the natural pool that is hidden there. Because it's still so new, there is no official name for it, but most people just call it the cave pool.

Just like the Conchi, the new natural pool is situated on the northern coast of Aruba. However, this pool is much easier to reach with any type of vehicle, and there is no hiking needed. This spot has also become a regular stop for touring visitors.

When you get there, maybe you won't be able to spot the pool immediately, because you will probably notice the moon-shaped lagoon where wild northern waves crash into each other. Sounds scary, but if you look down on your right, you'll see a calm, crystal blue little pool in the corner. To get there, you have to climb down some stairs. Be careful when climbing down and follow the instructions of your tour guide if you have one.

And just like Conchi, this pool also has a jumping spot, and a rope to climb back up the boulder. □

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Team Member Appreciation Week 2023 highlights an engaging workplace

Palm Beach – The annual Team Members' Appreciation week was designed this year to strengthen Team Members' engagement with their peers and members of management. The diverse and entertaining program also aimed at creating emotional connections among participants, which in turn result in stronger bonds among individuals, and a greater sense of job satisfaction and contentment.

The week's events were planned as more than just a way of having fun. They were formulated to allow the sharing of quality time, providing ample opportunities to enjoy the company of peers, while engaging in different activities.



"Each and every one of our Team Members is a shining example of Hilton's brand of hospitality, as they reach out to our guests and to each other, spreading the light and warmth of hospitality," said, General Man-

ager Lawrence Tuck, "and once a year during Team Member Appreciation Week, we make sure they have a great time and feel that distinct and personal appreciation we have for them."



The Appreciation Week started at the Team Members' entrance with a delicious breakfast, followed by Bolas Criollas at Papaya Ranch, Kickball & Domino at Centro di Bario Noord,

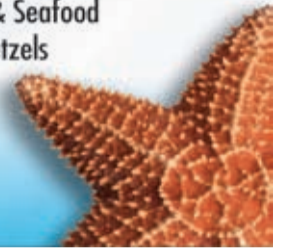
Crazy Bowling at the Eagle Bowling Center, a Father's Day event at Laguna Coffee Shop, and a Hike to Black Stone Beach from the Natural Bridge at sunset.

The activities during Team Appreciation Week 2023 perfectly aligned with the company's core values, centered around serving people and continually investing in Team Members' well-being to ensure ongoing job satisfaction. During Team Members Appreciation Week, organized by the Department of Human Resources, they received an extra level of recognition, reflecting the company's commitment to the success and engagement of its workforce.



According to organizers, Team Members had a blast during Team Appreciation Week, which not only lifted their spirits but also strengthened their bond with the company. The positive engagement displayed by the employees is a clear indication of the company's dedication to its workforce's growth and overall well-being. □

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Aruba's most family-friendly beaches



(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when travelling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to traveling parents to list off some of the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

Baby Beach in San Nicolas
Baby Beach is one Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing

atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito

Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of the Pos Chiquito city. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, perfect for

big and small families to set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

Eagle Beach/Palm Beach**in the hotel area**

Yet another highly popular beach site, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach is where most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise hotel areas, these

beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches for your children to play and build sand castles.

Boca Catalina in Malmok

Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to lay down a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore.

Palm Island

Ok, this one is technically not a beach, but a must-visit attraction for family fun. This small water park oasis is located further down the Mangel Halto Beach and is reachable by boat. This water park offers 6 hours of fun activities, food, drinks, and a chance to see pink flamingoes up close! ☐



Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would

walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with

Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule.☐

Unique fauna of Aruba

For a small island, Aruba sure has a lot of unique treasures. Among these, we have some subspecies of animals that are unique to our island. These have evolved to perfectly adapt to our desert climate and make Aruba their home. At the same time, they are part of what makes Aruba truly one of a kind.

Cascabel (rattlesnake, *Crotalus durissus unicolor*)

According to the Arikok National Park, Aruba knows two kinds of snakes, the Santanero and the Cascabel. The cascabel belongs to the rattlesnake family. The cascabel is the only venomous snake from Aruba. It has a length of 65cm to 100cm, and is about 4 to 5cm wide. Its color varies from light brown to grey-brown, and its underbelly is white. On its back there are marks that are a little darker, in the shape of diamonds.

Its reproduction is oviparous, meaning the offspring can hatch from their eggs just before, during or immediately after laying.

The cascabel lives mainly in the Arikok National Park. It likes to live in dark places, and is thus found hidden among the limestone rocks and under stones. As a defense mechanism, the cascabel uses its rattle as a warning, and it is not an aggressive animal.

The cascabel feeds on lizards, small mammals such as rats and mice. It paralyzes or kills its prey with its venom, which is injected through a bite. The en-

emies of the cascabel are donkeys, goats, humans and cars. Humans are the biggest enemy of the cascabel, as they kill them and destroy their habitat for urbanization.

Shoco (burrowing owl, *Athene cunicularia arubensis*)

The shoco is a small bird which is seldom seen. They are active during the day but are more active later in the day and at night for hunting. These owls have very good night vision and very good hearing. The shoco is the national symbol of Aruba.

The shoco has about 20cm of length, and the females are slightly heavier than the males. They are light brown in color, with many white spots. The belly of the Shoco is either white or light brown, and the shoco has striking yellow eyes. Its beak is yellow/green. Young owls do not have white spots and are lighter in color.

The nest of the shoco is a burrow in the ground. If the shoco cannot find a burrow, it will dig one in soft soil. The shoco lays one or two eggs every other day until all the eggs are laid – a shoco can lay up to four eggs. The first owlets hatch after three to four weeks. The shoco owl takes care of the owlets for three months until they leave the nest. Only a few owlets survive.

The owls dig burrows in the ground with low grass vegetation. An owl can live up to nine years.

Its defense mechanism is

simply to fly away or retreat to its burrows. They eat mostly insects, mice and lizards, and the main threats to their survival are boas – an invasive species introduced by humans as pets – and humans through destruction of their habitat.

Prikichi (parakeet, *Aratinga pertinax*)

The Prikichi is the national bird of Aruba. On Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao, parakeets can be found, but each of the three islands has a different breed. The Yellow-shouldered Amazon parakeet that we have on Aruba is also found along the coast of Venezuela. Unfortunately, there is interbreeding between the breeds due to cage birds from, for example, Curaçao being released on Aruba. The parakeet population on Aruba is in danger due to extensive deforestation occurring on the island because of the growing population.

The prikichi weighs between 90 to 100 grams. It has a greenish-brown head with some yellow around the eye. The back and wings of the parakeet are dark green, and the underside of the body is a lighter shade of green. There is also a bit of blue in the wings. The parakeet's beak is gray/black.

Parakeets often use termite nests as breeding sites. Parakeets are found in all natural environments (mondi) of the island. It defends itself by flying away and loud cries. Parakeets eat seeds from the pods of the Kwihi tree, Divi Divi, and columnar cactus. They also consume natural fruits. Its main predators are boa constrictors, humans.

Conew (cottontail rabbit, *Sylvilagus floridanus nigronuchalis*)

The Eastern Cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) was probably brought over to the island by Indian settlers thousands of years ago as a source of food. This rabbit, locally known as Conew, has spread all over the island and has become



part of our ecosystem. The very adaptable Conew can live in a wide variety of habitats, including Aruba's xeric scrublands, where it typically grazes on weeds and grasses.

The Aruban Conew has a brownish grey color and a distinctive white belly. This white fur extends to the bottom of the tail which becomes visible as the rabbit runs. These rabbits can grow up to approximately 40 centimeters in length over their short lifespan of 3 years. Cottontail rabbits reach reproductive maturity when they are just 2 to 3 months old. A female rabbit, called a doe, finds a suitable nest spot under a shrub or rocks and lines it with fur. She can have an average of 3 to 4 litters per year averaging 5 young each. The doe only visits her young once or twice a day to nurse her babies for a period of 2 to 3 weeks. The young reach independence at 4 to 5 weeks.

The Aruban Conew is an endangered species and

protected by Aruban law. The Conew is thought to have drastically declined due to an increase in human activities, habitat fragmentation and predation by the invasive Boa constrictor as well as feral cats and dogs. However, recently there seem to be more rabbit sightings in rural and wilderness areas and also in the National Park. This could be linked to a recent decline of the invasive Boa population after the long period of drought. As the Conew can reproduce very quickly, a short break in predation pressure can lead to a fast increase of rabbits. Sadly, the Boas are back on the rise again with the truly wet rainy seasons we have recently experienced. This could cause a new decline in the Conew population that was just starting to recover.

These are but a few of Aruba's beautiful inhabitant, which we must all contribute to protect. For more information, visit <https://www.arubanationalpark.org/main/flora-fauna/>



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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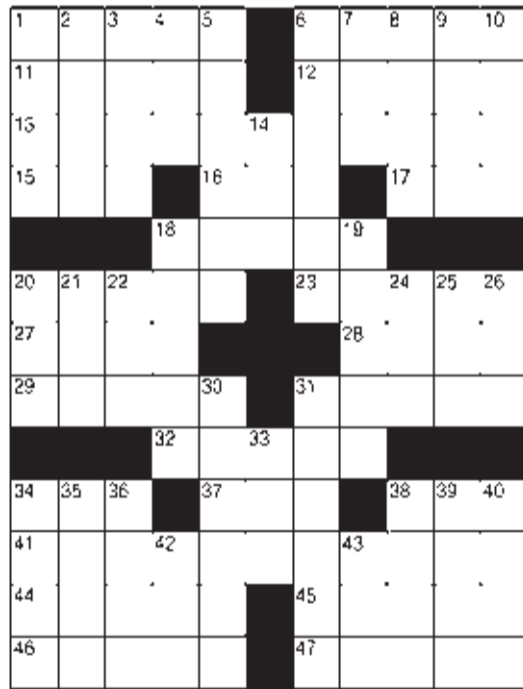
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- 42 Buck's mate
- 43 Ray-gun sound



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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SO NEAR YOU ARE, SUMMER STARS. SO NEAR. STRUMMING. STRUMMING. SO LAZY AND HUM-STRUMMING. — CARL SANDBURG

Kimberly Palmer: How to stay safe from financial scams



A woman types on a keyboard in New York, Oct. 8, 2019.

Associated Press

By **KIMBERLY PALMER** of NerdWallet

One of the biggest mistakes you can make when it comes to protecting yourself from financial scams is thinking you're too smart to be duped by one. "We're all vulnerable we can all fall for a scam given the right set of circumstances," says Eva Velasquez, president and CEO of the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that provides advice and assistance related to identity theft. Keeping yourself safe starts with accepting that fact, she adds.

"You look at the profiles of victims who filed complaints and it runs the gamut from highly educated, high-income people all the way down to the most vulnerable people in our population," says John Breyault, vice president of public policy, telecommunications and fraud at the National Consumers League, a nonprofit advocacy group that speaks out about consumer concerns.

While there isn't a "fool-proof solution to stay safe from all scams," as Breyault

puts it, there are strategies you can employ to reduce your risk. Here are four of the most important ones:

HANG UP AND 'GO TO THE SOURCE'

If you're contacted by anyone claiming to be your bank or other familiar company, end the conversation and call the institution's verified number yourself, Velasquez says. "We always say, 'If you did not initiate the interaction, then you need to go to the source,'" she adds.

Otherwise, you don't actually know who's on the other end of the line, she says, especially because scammers can spoof the number that shows up on your caller ID so it might look legitimate.

In some cases, you might want to pay your bank a visit in person to get clarification. When Thorn Roberts, owner of a small business in Elizabeth, West Virginia, received a payment request he didn't recognize, he went to his bank to ask about it.

"They knew it was a scam," he says. As a result, he immediately canceled his accounts and created new ones. Thanks to

his quick action and the bank's help, his money was safe.

SECURE AND MONITOR YOUR ACCOUNTS

Basic online security practices can also help protect you, Velasquez says. She recommends enabling multifactor authentication on your financial accounts, creating unique passwords and not sharing personal details such as your birth-date online. □

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10 people died at the Astroworld music festival two years ago. What happens now?

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Nearly two years after 10 people were crushed to death during the deadly 2021 Astroworld festival, no charges have been filed even though some people, including event workers, expressed safety concerns. Pinpointing "who exactly caused those deaths is not an easy question to answer," said Sandra Guerra Thompson, a criminal law professor at the University of Houston Law Center.

"It's a very difficult thing to say, unless you have some kind of clear evidence that somebody in charge, whose job it was to ensure safety and who should have known better, failed to take action," she said.

A nearly 1,300-page report on the investigation into the tragedy released by Houston police Friday said contract worker Reece Wheeler told authorities that he saw a crush of people and warned an event organiz-



The crowd watches as Travis Scott performs at Astroworld Festival at NRG park on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 in Houston.

er that people could die, shortly before rapper Travis Scott went onstage.

In the report, investigators wrote that Scott said he did see one person near the stage getting medical attention, but said that overall, the crowd seemed to enjoy the show. He said

he did not see any signs of serious problems, nor did he hear anyone tell him to stop the show.

Despite no charges being filed, more than 500 lawsuits have been filed over the deaths and injuries at the concert, including many against concert

promoter Live Nation and Scott. Some of those suits have since been settled. Those who were killed ranged in age from 9 to 27, and all 10 people died due to compression asphyxia, according to medical examiners.

NO CHARGES BROUGHT

In June, a Texas grand jury declined to indict six people in the case, including Scott. Prosecutors said, then, that the circumstances of the deaths limited what charges they were able to present, eliminating potential counts such as murder, manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide.

Thompson said the sheer number of people involved in putting on the event, the large scale of it, and the high bar for proving criminal negligence or recklessness are challenges for prosecutors in cases like this.

"It goes back to, who knows what's going on, is that being communicated?" she said.

"Were they being told that people have died, and they still wanted the concert to go on? Or, were they being told that 'Hey, some people are getting hurt, which might not be that unusual at an event like that?'" □

Whitney Houston's estate announces second annual Legacy of Love Gala

By **MARIA SHERMAN**

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — This year Whitney Houston would have turned 60, and a special celebration to raise money for a good cause is being planned for her birthday.

Houston's estate, Sony and Primary Wave Music will host the 2nd annual Whitney Houston Legacy of Love on Aug. 9, which will benefit the late singer's foundation aimed at helping young people.

Houston's close friends BeBe Winans and Kim Burrell will perform at the gala at Atlanta's St. Regis Hotel, as will Whitney's brother, Gary, who toured with her for three decades.

"When I turned 50, Whitney gave me two celebrations one in Ireland and one in London. I always tell every-

one now that one of them was for her," says Pat Houston, Whitney Houston's sister-in-law and the executor of her estate. Houston died in February 2012 at age 48.

"This year is Whitney at 60 we're all looking forward to being a part of the power of love in that room."

Houston found the Whitney Houston Foundation

for Children in 1989 with the goal of empowering youth, providing resources to unhoused children, giving out college scholarships, and raising funds for charities like the Children's Defense Fund and St. Jude Children's Research.

A charity auction will raise money for the foundation, which is now called the Whitney E. Houston Legacy Foundation.

"We're going to auction off a beautiful lavender dress Dolly Parton wore when she sang 'I Will Always Love You' at Country Music Television's '100 Greatest Love Songs of Country Music' special in 2004," says Pat Houston. "This dress is particularly special because it's lavender, and lavender is Whitney's favorite color." The song, originally written by Parton, was recorded

by Houston and became one of her great, everlasting hits. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) certified it diamond early last year, which means the track has sold and streamed 10 million equivalent units in the United States. It became her first diamond single, and made Houston the third woman to ever achieve diamond-status with both a single and an album, following Mariah Carey and Taylor Swift.

Clive Davis will serve as honorary chairman. Recording Academy President Harvey Mason jr. is scheduled to attend. Also expected are Gamma's Larry Jackson and Whitney Houston's musical director Rickey Minor. "I always tell people, Whitney is the star," Pat Houston said. □



Singer Whitney Houston performs at the pre-Grammy gala & salute to industry icons with Clive Davis honoring David Geffen in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Feb. 13, 2011.

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Washington tennis tournament offers equal status for women

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A poster hanging at the DC Open site shows Frances Tiafoe — a competitor in the field from nearby Maryland — flanked by other men such as Andy Murray and Taylor Fritz and women such as Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula.

It is a simple visualization of a complicated change to a tournament that began Monday and has been around for men since 1969, added women via a simultaneous but lower-tier and less-promoted event in 2009 and now is taking a further step by touting itself as the first combined ATP-WTA 500 event. That is two levels below Grand Slams and one level below Masters 1000s and was accomplished by elevating the women's portion through the lease of what had been a hard-court tourney in San Jose, California, played during the same week.

While ostensibly that puts the men and women on equal footing in Washington — where players both will be trying to win a trophy and to prepare for the U.S. Open, the year's last Grand Slam tournament — it still is not equal all the way around. Most notably: The men's champion receives



Defending champion Liudmila Samsonova of Russia serves against Danielle Collins in a first-round match at the DC Open tennis tournament in Washington on Monday, July 31, 2023. Samsonova won 6-1, 6-3.

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a check for \$353,445; the women's champion earns \$120,150. That is not an anomaly. There are other stops on the professional tennis tours that include female and male players but do not pay them evenly.

"Our main goal is to work toward equal prize money. That is what we want on the WTA side and what we think is fair. Especially at the combined events, we don't want to see a discrepancy there. We want to see that we're earning the same at

the same event," said Pegula, an American who is No. 3 in the rankings and seeded No. 1 in Washington and a member of the women's tour's player council. "The fans are coming to watch both of us, and we should be making the same."

All four Grand Slam tournaments offer equal prize money across the board, something the U.S. Open started doing 50 years ago and others as recently as 2007. That won't happen at the DC Open until 2027

as part of a wider plan the WTA recently announced to get equal paychecks at certain events by that year and at others by 2033.

"That will give everyone a chance to hopefully get revenues to grow to be able to afford it," said Mark Ein, who has been the tournament chairman since 2019 and is part of the group that recently bought the NFL's Washington Commanders from Dan Snyder. "When we took over the tournament, one of my

top goals was to secure a women's event at an equal level as our men's," Ein said. "One of the things I love about tennis is it's really the only sport where athletes of both genders compete on the same playing surface at the same time."

There are other discrepancies between the men's and women's brackets in Washington. The men's field is 48 players; the women's is 28. The rankings points available are nearly the same, but the men's champion gets 500, the women's 470. Like Pegula, three-time major champion Murray, who is seeded 15th in Washington, said that all players "at the same event, on the same courts," should be vying for the same payouts.

"But I think for it ever to become like truly equal, the WTA and the ATP are actually going to have to come together and work as one before that's the case, because I don't think it's that straightforward just now that both tours have different sponsors, different TV deals and all of that stuff, too," Murray said. "There is a few things that still need to change, but I feel like things are going in the right direction, like with the move to this event becoming a 500 for both. Can obviously still get better." □

Saints coach Dennis Allen: Kamara plans to meet with Goodell about 2022 fight

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Saints coach Dennis Allen expressed hope on Monday that Alvin Kamara's plan to meet with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell would help resolve any disciplinary action the star running back might face in connection with his arrest in a February 2022 fight during Pro Bowl weekend in Las Vegas. "Alvin really wants to get out ahead of this and have a chance to visit with Roger and kind of give him his side of the story," Allen said after the Saints' sixth practice of training camp at team headquarters.

"I think part of it is: 'Let's get some resolution with where we're at and move forward.' I think Alvin is looking forward to putting this behind him and focusing in on what he has to do to be the best he can for our team this season."

Allen said the Saints have yet to receive an indication of if, or when, the NFL could decide on whether to discipline Kamara, who has been among New Orleans' leaders in yards from scrimmage since 2017, when he was selected as the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year.

The NFL on Monday declined comment on Kama-

ra's planned meeting with Goodell or any potential timeline for issuing discipline.

Kamara played throughout the 2022 season while the NFL waited for a resolution to his court case, which also involved cornerback Chris Lammons.

The two players were accused, along with two other defendants, of beating Darnell Greene Jr., of Houston, unconscious following an altercation that spilled out of an elevator and into a hallway.

Kamara and Lammons pleaded no contest on July 11 to misdemeanors and agreed to each pay just



New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara (41) goes through drills in practice during the Back Together Weekend fan appreciation initiative at the NFL team's football training camp in Metairie, La., Saturday, July 29, 2023.

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more than \$100,000 toward Greene's medical costs. The deal allowed the players to avoid trial and possible prison time after initially being charged with felo-

nies. The plea agreements came in conjunction with a settlement of a civil case Greene filed. Financial terms of that deal remain undisclosed. □



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Chris Buescher wins at Richmond and secures spot in NASCAR playoffs

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AP Sports Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) —

Chris Buescher was already in good position to qualify for NASCAR's playoffs.

Now, even something remarkable over the last four races of the regular season won't keep him out.

Buescher pulled away on a restart with three laps to go to win at Richmond Raceway on Sunday and snag one of the final spots in NASCAR's playoff field.

Buescher led 88 laps and was ahead by nearly 6 seconds when a caution came out with under 10 laps to go. That erased his lead over Virginia native Denny Hamlin, who was booed by his hometown crowd before the race. But Hamlin got a poor final restart and Buescher easily pulled away for his first Cup Series win of the season, third of his career.

"I knew that last restart was going to be tough, but I knew we had the speed in this thing," Buescher said. He and RFK Racing teammate Brad Keselowski led a combined 190 of the 400 laps in their Fords. Keselowski, now a part owner of the team, led 102 laps on



Chris Buescher raises the Cook Out 400 Trophy in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Sunday, July 30, 2023, in Richmond, Va.

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the 0.75-mile oval.

Buescher started 26th and had to drive through the field for the win that locked him into the 16-driver playoff field. Buescher became the 13th race winner this year and there are three playoff spots up for grabs over the next month.

It was the 139th Cup win for primary team owner Jack Roush, second since Keselowski joined the ownership group. Ford now has 723 wins in NASCAR's top Cup Series. "Everybody at RFK Racing who has worked so hard to get us to this point," said Buescher.

Hamlin, winner last week at Pocono, finished second in

a Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing. Kyle Busch was third in a Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing, followed by the Fords of Joey Logano from Team Penske and Ryan Preece of Stewart-Haas Racing.

"One win is good, but you get three or four or five and then you feel a lot better," Keselowski said. "It sure beats not having any at all, but we want to keep going. It's nice to have one car locked in the playoffs. We need to get both cars locked in the playoffs. We have a good points gap, but we want wins and this is where we need to be."

Keselowski, despite being

winless this season, is still mathematically in contention for the playoffs.

The race was slowed just three times by caution flags, with the final yellow sending the leaders to pit road for four tires with eight laps to go. When the green flag was shown again, Buescher used the inside line to pull away for his third career victory.

Hamlin's bid for the victory ended on the second lap of the final sprint when he drove in too deep in the first turn and slid up the track. He finished 0.549-seconds behind Buescher.

"I got a bad restart," Hamlin said. "I had to recover too much ground from what I lost on the front stretch. Almost got to the outside, and then in turn four, almost got to the outside again, and then in turn one, I was like 'I'm just going to ship it in there and try to get to the outside one more time' and I just carried way too much speed and locked up the left front tires."

LARSON-HAMLIN

Kyle Larson, angered last week when Hamlin caused him to hit the wall while leading while Hamlin went on to win, was running a

few laps down when he nudged Hamlin out of the way with 70 laps to go during Sunday's race.

Larson, who won at Richmond in April, finished 19th. "I think he was having a frustrating day," Hamlin said. "It's all good."

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With temperatures in the mid-80s, it was about 15 degrees cooler than Saturday, when the temperature approached 100 and the heat index was at least 105.

Nevertheless, points leader Martin Truex Jr. still struggled.

"It was definitely really, really hot," he said. "It felt longer than 400 laps. I'll be honest, when we got to the end of stage two — I thought there was no way. I thought that was the checkered flag. It just felt really, really long."

Truex finished seventh.

CLEAN RACE

All 36 cars that started the race were still running at the end.

UP NEXT

The series moves to Michigan where Kevin Harvick, winless so far in this his final season, is the defending champion. □

FIFA's final tiebreaker for Women's World Cup will be the drawing of lots



United States players stand on the field during the national anthem before the FIFA Women's World Cup Group E soccer match between the United States and the Netherlands in Wellington, New Zealand, Thursday, July 27, 2023.

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By **The Associated Press**
SYDNEY (AP) — What hap-

pens if teams finishing even on points cannot be sepa-

rated by all of FIFA's tournament tiebreakers following the completion of the group stage at the Women's World Cup?

Soccer's world governing body has confirmed it's the drawing of lots. So, luck of the draw really could determine which team advances to the Round of 16 and which team goes home. FIFA issued a statement explaining the drawing of lots "will only occur should all steps, as outlined in Article 13 of the Competition Regulations, prove unable to

determine the ranking." The tournament's tiebreaker criteria starts with which of the tied teams in the group has superior goal difference in its group matches and the greatest number of goals scored.

If that's not enough to determine a final rankings, then the head-to-head results between the teams concerned is the tiebreaker. If that doesn't work, it goes down to a tabulation of how many yellow and red cards each team has accrued through the tour-

namment.

In the highly unlikely scenario that the teams are still unable to be separated after all that, FIFA will draw lots to determine the group rankings. If required, those draws will take place in Sydney, will be open to accredited media and will be streamed. Drawing of lots involves slips of paper placed inside plastic balls which are put into a bowl and drawn randomly. It's similar to how the groupings for World Cup tournaments are conducted. □